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And the winners are ...

CHEYENNE – LaGrange, Lander, Thermopolis, and Upton are the names of the Wyoming Air National Guard's four additional C-130s.

Today, Gov. Dave Freudenthal randomly chose the winning towns from 12 finalists in the name a C-130 contest.

"The Wyoming National Guard wants to thank the communities for their great support of the military, this is a small token of our appreciation for 12 of our towns around the state," Brig. Gen. Donald Haught, assistant adjutant general, Wyoming Air National Guard, said. "We will put the name over the doorway, put a small plaque inside the plane and arrange for select individuals from that community to ride on the plane."

LaGrange received 1,744 votes. It competed against Saratoga with 1,333 votes and Lusk with 130 votes.

Lander received 23 votes. It competed against Green River with 80 votes and Mountain View with 18 votes.

Thermopolis received 404 votes. It competed against Worland with 36 votes and Jackson with 20 votes.

Upton received 2,495 votes. It competed against Newcastle with 890 votes and Edgerton with 24 votes.

During the Name a C-130 contest, Wyoming residents nominated 56 towns and cast a total of 7,405 votes. The three towns with the most votes in each quadrant of the state were finalists.

Towns receiving more than 10 votes were Buffalo, Torrington and Glendo.

Towns with at least one vote were Dayton, Sundance, Kaycee, Gillette, Ranchester, Wolf, Wright, Bill, Hulett, Midwest, Powder River, Ucross, Greybull, Dubois, Shoshoni, Ten Sleep, Fort Washakie, Wilson, Boundurant, Crowheart, Meeteetse, Parkman, Bar Nunn, Douglas, Chugwater, Veteran, Wheatland, Carpenter, Fort Laramie, Hanna, Hawk Springs, Lingle, Manville, Medicine Bow, Rawlins, Evanston/Uinta County, Burntfork, Freedom, Kemmerer, McKinnen and Opal.

The eight C-130s currently operated by the Wyoming Air National Guard are dedicated to the cities of: Cheyenne, Sheridan, Cody, Riverton, Laramie, Casper, Guernsey and Rock Springs.

Dedication ceremonies will be held beginning in August for the winning towns. City officials and 10 people who nominated the town will participate in each ceremony and receive an orientation flight on the aircraft.